## Howard County Library System

# FIVE STAR LIBRARY

HI-LIGHTS 2018

8,160,705
ITEMS
borrowed
highest per capita in Maryland

ranked by *Library Journal*, the highest ranking attained by fewer than one percent of public libraries in the U.S. – and the only five star library system in Maryland.

292,213

library card holders

1,905,997 VISITS

2 1267 0113 3803 5

K-12

every public school student in Howard County has an account through A+ Partners in Education

**1,543,220** research assistance interactions



### AWARD WINNING LIBRARY

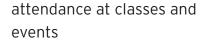
**Gold Award Winner** 

for HCLS Now 4 Students campaign by Hermes Creative Awards

**Civvy Awards Finalist** for Choose Civility by National Conference on Citizenship

**Top Innovator** Honorable Mention for DIY Education Center by Urban Libraries Council

304,698



104,429 online classes

10,552 classes taught for all ages by HCLS instructors

2,484 STEM classes

1,883 students participated in the Spelling Bee, Battle of the Books, and Rube Goldberg.

## Self-Directed Education

Press Reader

obooks, nusic

STREAM: audiobooks, movies, and music

movies, and music

DOWNLOAD: eBooks,
magazines, and newspapers,
including Baltimore Sun, New York
Times, Wall Street Journal, and

LEARN: online classes and test prep with Lynda.com, Gale Courses, Mango Languages, and Rosetta Stone

## Research Assistance & Instruction

One-on-one sessions Classes for all ages

## Instructive & Enlightening Experiences

A+ Partners in Education initiative with HCPSS and HCC
Notable authors

HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM Public Education for All

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stream. download. learn.

**1,056,000** web site sessions

CONNECTING WHERE YOU ARE









# OPENED

250% increase in class attendance at

Elkridge Branch + DIY Education Center the first Maryland public library to lend tools

East Columbia Branch after extensive renovation.

Now, **100+ teens** visit daily and class attendance has more than doubled.

#### **INCREASING IMPACT IN**

2019

- Asset Based Community Development
- Early Learning
- Art lending collection
- Makerspace
- Services to homebound population
- Increased strategic partnerships
- Increased community engagement

#### PROJECT LITERACY



### in 2018

10 adults gained their external high school diplomas

11 earned their U.S. citizenship

### since 1987

9,200 instructional hours where students learn basic math, reading, and writing, speaking, citizenship skills through free, one-on-one tutoring, and class sessions, and distance learning.

90% of Project Literacy students are foreign-born, coming from **45** different countries and speaking **30** languages

73 students have received their high school diplomas

170 have become U.S. citizens



**50**%

increase in funding for above-budget initiatives 95,996

community members using meeting rooms



### **PARTNERSHIPS**

across all sectors:

- Howard County Public School System
- Howard Community College
- Howard County General Hospital: A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development Authority
- Leadership Howard County
- Girls Scouts of Central MD
- #OneHoward
- Columbia Association
- Howard County Historical Society
- Candlelight Concert Society

Statewide leader for Choose Civility



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